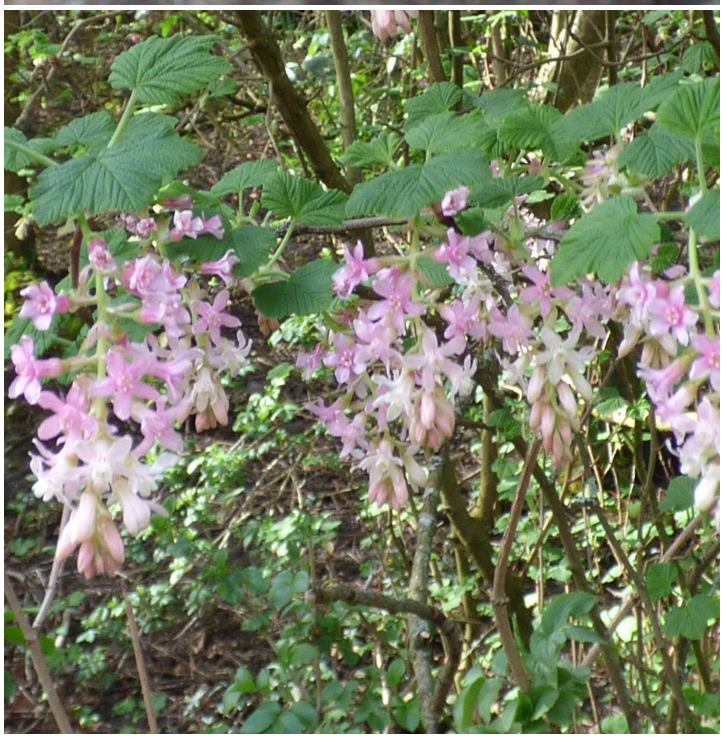
The Plantlife of Ratho

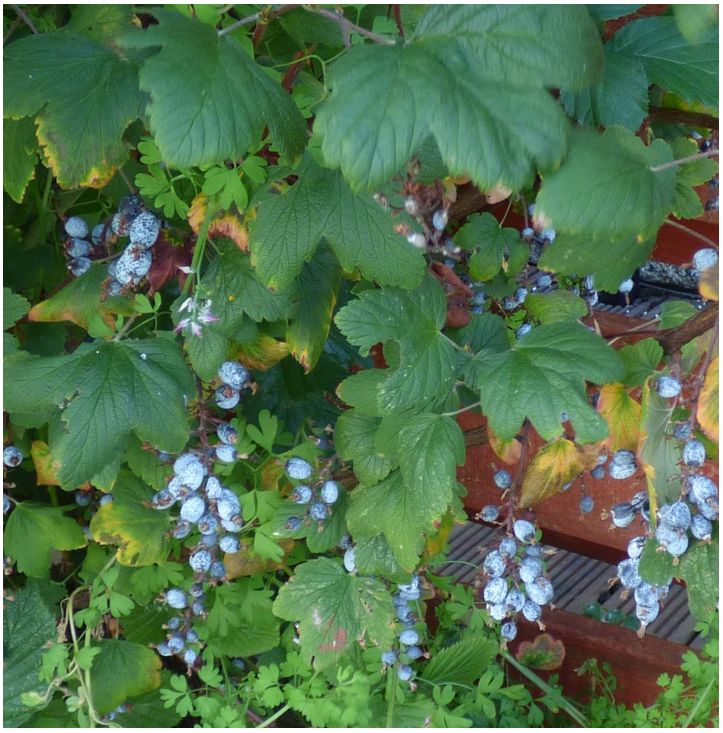
Currants (Ribes) • 2021-02-18 b

Currants

Flowering Currant - Often growing wild, frequently grown in gardens, it sometimes grows quite large and thick-stemmed.

Occasionally light-flowered (shown).
The rubbed leaves have a strong smell.





Ribes sanguineum

Gooseberry - Frequently growing near woody edges, though giving most fruit in the light.

Usually quite thorny.

Ribes uva-crispa

Mountain Currant - Seen somewhat to the west, e.g. the watersides at the Clifton Aquaduct and Almondell.

A rather broom-like thing, the flower clusters stand distinctively upwards as seen, and the rubbed leaves have no smell. The plants are separately male or female.

Ribes alpinum

Red Currant - Frequent in woody edges.

The flowers are like shallow plates, and hang downwards. The rubbed leaves have no smell.

Ribes rubrum

White Currant - By an irrigation ditch near Baird Road.

Whitecurrant is a form of Redcurrant lacking the red pigment in the fruit.

Ribes rubrum

Blackcurrant - Frequent in damp spots

The flowers have some depth (not shallow plates), hanging in lax clusters, and the leaves when rubbed have a strong smell.

Ribes nigrum